

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 17 through 30 with the following amended paragraph:

The illustrated adjustable forearm anchoring mechanism 30 comprises a retaining ring 32 and a ~~Velcro~~ hook and loop fastener (e.g., VELCRO®) anchor strap 34. The retaining ring 32 is attached to one lateral surface (either ulnar or radial) of the proximal support shell 22 adjacent the end thereof distal the thumb extension 22T by any conventional means, e.g., a strap 32S affixed to the radial surface of the proximal support shell 22 by means of a rivet 32R as illustrated in FIG. 3, and one end of the ~~Velcro~~ anchor strap 34 is affixed to the other lateral surface (either radial or ulnar) of the proximal support shell 22 in opposed relation to the retaining ring 32 by any conventional means, e.g., a rivet 34R is illustrated in FIG. 5. The free end of the ~~Velcro~~ anchor strap 34 is looped through the retaining ring 32 and folded back upon itself so that the ~~Velcroed~~ free end can be appropriately tensioned and then removably attached to a ~~Velcroed~~ portion of the strap 34 adjacent the affixed end thereof to securely fit/position the forelimb brace device 10 against the forearm of the user.

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 8 through 21 with the following amended paragraph:

The illustrated adjustable wrist anchoring mechanism 40 is identical to the adjustable forearm anchoring mechanism 30 described in the preceding paragraph and comprises a retaining ring 42 and a ~~Velcro~~ hook and loop fastener anchor strap 44. The retaining ring 42 is attached to one lateral surface (either ulnar or radial) of the wrist section of the proximal support shell 22 by any conventional means, e.g., a strap 42S affixed to ulnar surface of the proximal support shell 22 by means of a rivet 42R as illustrated in FIG. 3, and one end of the ~~Velcro~~ anchor strap 44 is affixed to the other lateral surface (either radial or ulnar) of the proximal support shell 22 in opposed relation to the retaining ring 42 by any conventional means, e.g., a rivet 44R as illustrated in FIG. 4. The free end of the ~~Velcro~~ anchor strap 44 is looped through the retaining ring 42 and folded back upon itself so that the ~~Velcroed~~ free end can be appropriately tensioned and then removably attached to a ~~Velcroed~~ portion of the strap 44 adjacent the affixed end thereof to securely fit the forelimb brace device 10 against the wrist of the user.